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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE/STATE DEPT ROOM FOR MR PATRICK.
 WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED
 ITER NO: WH-9 DATE: 20 JUNE 1974
 SUBJECT: LEBANESE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON

REF:

LEBANESE PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH REPORTEDLY MET ASHRAF SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASAD THAT HE BE INVITED TO DAMASCUS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON THIS WEEKEND. ASAD [REDACTED] HAS AVOIDED A DEFENSIVE REPLY.

FRANJIYAH IS GENERALLY REALISTIC ABOUT LEBANON'S LIMITED ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. AND HAS KNOWN NO SIGN OF BEING OFFENDED THAT THE PRESIDENT IS NOT VISITING BEIRUT. HE YETNELESS IS HOPING FOR THIS MEETING OUTSIDE LEBANON IN BORDER TO ENHANCE HIS OWN PRESTIGE AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS DEFENDING LEBANON'S INTERESTS AS TALKS TOWARD A MORE COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT CONTINUE.

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SUBJECTS THAT FRANKLY REPRESENTS IS MOST EAGER TO DISCUSS WITH THE PRESIDENT INCLUDE:

- LEBANON'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
- THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON IN THE FUTURE
- ISRAELI RETALIATORY SALES INTO SOUTH LEBANON AND
- ASSURANCES THAT LEBANON WILL BE INVITED TO THE LAST PHASE OF THE GENEVA PEACE TALKS AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING MIDDLE EAST POLITICAL ISSUES. C-2 IMPDET

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